

## Amusements

## POLIS

Poll's program for the last half of the week, presents many attractive vaudeville and photoplay features that are sure to meet with popular favor. Col. J. A. Pattee and his original company of Old Soldier Fiddlers will return with their ever-popular old-time fiddling and song review. There are "four promising youngsters" in this attractive feature, all of whom fought in the Civil War. They are assisted in their patriotic and amusing skit by J. A. Pattee, Jr., as "Uncle Sam."

William Farnum, the \$100,000 movie star, will be seen in the five-part film drama "Battle of Hearts." This is a romantic drama of the sea and affords Mr. Farnum wonderful opportunities. Keno, Keyes and Melrose will present an unusual arrangement of comedy and acrobatic stunts that combine laughs with thrills in profusion. Chas. Deland and company in the comedy playlet, "The Fire Escape" are always a feature in any bill and their happy little offering will occupy a most important place in the program.

Leighnor & Alexander, a clever trio, in songs and dances and Bogart & Nichols, in a potpourri of vaudeville vagaries, will be pleasing spots in the bill, while the Harlequin Trio in acrobatic eccentricities will complete the big program.

In addition to "Battle of Hearts" there will be other first-run photoplays.

## LYRIC

For next week, at the Lyric, Cecil Spooner's management have made special arrangements for the first production outside of New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia, of "The Girl He Couldn't Buy," the newest and most important comedy dramatic sensation, written by Sumner Nichols. In this new play "The Girl He Couldn't Buy" which is to be presented at the Lyric Theatre. The story of the play is a very strong one, dealing with a young girl's fight against temptation and dishonesty. It is a splendid, wholesome play full of hearty laughs, thrills and heart throbs. Right at the finale of the last act in the last words spoken, homely, simple words, is a bit of play that is so very human that it pulls at the heart strings and gets you 'good and hard.' Somehow or other it reveals the "incommunicable touch" surely as does all fine acting; otherwise it is far away from the beaten track of the ordinary comedy drama, enhanced by the value of its productiveness of laughs; its moments of thrilling interest; its picturesqueness of scenery, and produced by a company well known to theatre-goers of this city. "The Girl He Couldn't Buy" is a concoction of all that goes to make scintillating starting vehicles for versatile players of the artistic calibre of Cecil Spooner, as well as her admirable company, all of whom have firmly established themselves as Bridgeport favorites among advocates of dramatic performances of genuine merit.

## EMPIRE

"Notorious Gallagher," a five part gripping Metro-Wonder-Play will be the featured attraction at the above theatre for this evening.

In this Metro Play Marguerite Snow, one of the most charming as well as talented stars of filmdom ably and in her own inimitable way portrays the leading role, Crispy, throughout with thrills will do this masterpiece stands out as one that will not soon be forgotten by those having the good fortune to witness it.

Comedies that are far from being classed as "sad" and dramas of the sort that interest as well as entertain are the sort offered in the regular program to be presented together with the latest Sydney Drew comedy in conjunction with the feature.

Friday and Saturday's program will be "The Thousand Dollar Husband," a five part Jesse L. Lasky-Paramount different masterpiece featuring that ever delightful star of the screen, Blanche Sweet.

## WEST END

"The Innocent Lie," by Lois Zellner, the latest of the Famous Players-Paramount productions, was directed by Sidney Olcott on the picturesque island of Bermuda. The exterior scenes are unsurpassably beautiful and with the spacious interior settings make an elaborate background for this appealing drama, appearing at the West End theatre tonight.

Miss Valentine Grant, who has won distinction in several previous photodramas, appears as Nora O'Brien, a poor Irish lass.

Miss Grant plays the role of Nora with remarkable skill and is supported by a notable cast, including Jack J. Clark, Morris Foster, Hunter Arden and Robert Cain. Her debut upon the Famous Players-Paramount screen will undoubtedly be considered an auspicious one.

Tomorrow, Norma Talmadge and Robert Haxton in "The Children in the House," five-act Triangle. Tel. 423-13.—Adv.

## PLAZA

DeWolff Hopper, the world-famed comedian, is to make another appearance upon the screen in the latest Triangle photo-production, "Mr. Goode, the Samaritan," to be shown at the Plaza the latter half of the week in addition to a sparkling vaudeville program. "Mr. Goode, the Samaritan" is a well written, and exceptionally well produced, comedy drama that holds one's interest until the very last moment. Mr. Hopper is afforded unusual opportunities for the display of his wonderful and unique talents and he utilizes every one of them. Charming Fay Tincher and a large cast of well known players appear in the cast. The play is in five episodes.

Gauntier's Toy Shop, one of vaudeville's most fascinating, extraordinary and beautiful novelties, has the headline card. Gauntier's Toy Shop is an animal act but so far different from the ordinary run of this type that it should hardly be classed as such. The little dumb hectors offer something entirely new and display remarkable intelligence in the performance of their stunts. It is an act one cannot well afford to miss.

Van Hampton and Shriner, a very entertaining pair in their original bit of nonsense and song entitled "Pushing to the Front" should prove popular favorites.

Ward and Raymond wish it made

## AMUSEMENTS

Three Shows Daily, 2, 6:30 &amp; 8:30

COL. J. A. PATTEE  
AND HIS OWN COMPANY OF  
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public that they have a classy skit to offer and intend to carry off honors, while Gordon and Gordon offer a singing, dancing and acrobatic diversion.

A two-part Keystone comedy of the usual uproariously funny type will round out the numbers on this most pleasingly arranged bill.

Literary and Dramatic Offerings Between Courses Greeted Well.

More than 100 members of the Bridgeport Art League attended the especially delightful luncheon of that body, held this afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Seaside club. It was the best attended luncheon that the league has ever held. Congeniality was the keynote of the gathering, which evidenced itself in the many happy selection from songs that were sung between courses.

Mrs. George Wilcox, of Long Hill, who addressed the league on "The Arthurian Legends," earlier in the season, was the chief speaker of the afternoon, her subject including a discussion of the work of Sir Herbert Tree and other topics of the Shakespearean century which is of particular interest to the members of the league because of the Anne Hathaway cottage and garden that they are planning to build.

Miss Rachel Petrona, a pupil at the Grand street school who previously appeared before the league in Shakespearean readings gave two selections from Hamlet taking the part of Ophelia. A special costume had been designed for the occasion and the small actress was generously applauded. The child has a marked dramatic quality which makes her Shakespearean readings decidedly interesting.

Mrs. W. B. Ferguson gave readings and Mrs. Henry L. Bishop's dramatic soprano voice was heard in several selections.

Mrs. Philip Holzer, under whose presidency the league has flourished spoke informally on the closing of the year's work.

The tables were attractively decorated with cut flowers and vines. The pleasant afternoon was concluded with verses from "Auld Lang Syne."

CLARK & CO. TO HAVE  
EXTRA FLOOR ON BIG  
BROAD STREET BLOCK

George B. Clark & Co., furniture merchants of Broad street, have begun large alterations on their store and property which will result in added accommodations in show room space as well as additional storage room.

The present building operations, which began today will add an entire story to the present three story building. A large storage-warehouse will be built in the rear. The alterations in the store will be complete by July, with the warehouse finished in August.

BLAZE AT GAS PLANT

Gas escaping from an open valve into the blast range at the works of the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. on Howland avenue last night ignited, but did little damage. The blaze was extinguished by Engine Co. No. 7.

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BAND CONCERTS FOR  
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BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

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CONTRACTORS OPPOSE  
CLAIM OF WIDOW IN  
COMPENSATION COURT

Before Compensation Commissioner B. T. Buckingham at Shelton yesterday, Mary Fletcher, widow of William Fletcher, contended that her husband was on business for his firm when he was killed at Shelton on May 6. Fletcher was walking on the railroad trestle over the canal when he either fell, or was tossed by a freight car, into the canal where he was drowned. He was employed by the Turner Construction Co., building an addition to the Blumenthal factory.

His widow claims he had left his job to go in search of another man who had left his work. Representatives for the company claim that it was no part of Fletcher's duty to seek the other workman, that he stopped in a saloon to get a drink before returning to his work and that he might have walked along a safe path instead of walking the trestle.

The commissioner reserved his decision.

ARREST GYPSEY BAND.

Winsted, June 1.—Constable Lewis C. Rhoades of North Canaan, came to this town last night, hot on the trail of a band of gypsies. Superintendent of Police Stephen C. Wheeler had rounded up the band and arrested five women and 12 children, one of the women being accused by a cripple in Canaan, familiarly known as Charlie, the Frenchman, of stealing his roll of \$20. The women and children were bundled into an automobile and carried back to Canaan for identification.

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